

Frequently Asked Questions

Is organic food better for you?

There is no conclusive evidence at this time to suggest that organically produced foods are more nutritious. However, well-balanced soils grow strong healthy plants which, many believe taste better and contain more nutrients. Many restaurants' chefs around the state, as well as around the country are using organic produce because they think it tastes better. Organic growers often select varieties to grow for their flavor, not only their appearance.

How is "Certified Organic" food different from other organic food?

"Certified" means that the food has been grown according to strict uniform standards which are verified by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. "Certified Organic" means crops have been grown from soil that was not treated with pesticides, growth regulators, synthetic chemicals or artificial fertilizers in the 36 months prior to certification. Certification includes yearly inspections of farm fields and processing facilities, and detailed record keeping to ensure that growers, processors, and handlers are meeting the National Organic Program Standards.

How much does certification cost?

An annual certification fee of in-state producers is \$125. The fee for certification is not required at the time of application. Applicants will be billed upon completion and approval of application and inspections.